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In re Application of:

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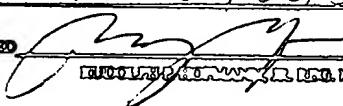
For: A COMPOUND MOLD AND
STRUCTURED SURFACE
ARTICLES CONTAINING
GEOMETRIC STRUCTURES
WITH COMPOUND FACES AND
METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: A. Chevalier

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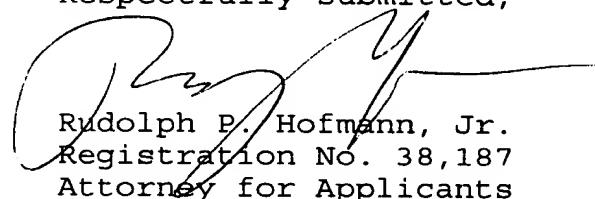
Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2002, in which the Examiner applied a restriction requirement to Claims 1-8 and 15-23 (Group I); Claims 9-14 (Group II) and Claims 24-37 (Group III). Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-8 and 15-23 (Group I) without traverse.

If a telephonic interview with the Applicants' undersigned representative would be helpful in resolving any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (651) 736-9725.

Respectfully submitted,


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